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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/529,205
Filing Date	August 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Seishi Kato
Group Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	Bridget E Bunner
Attorney Docket Number	01997 008000

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE** 37 C F R § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C F R § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg 50092 (Aug 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg 14865 (Mar 29, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 17 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 15, 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other Petition for Extension of Time

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 06-1205

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	<u>180</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>750.00</u> <u>00</u>
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	<u>140</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>130.00</u> <u>00</u>
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>\$130.00</u> check			

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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	Date	January 8, 2003	

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